

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-2 and 4-5 are now in the application. Claims 1, 4, and 5 have been amended. Claim 3 has been cancelled.

In item 2 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, the drawings have been objected to.

The label, "Prior Art" has been added to fig. 3 as required by the Examiner.

In item 5 on page 3 of the Office action, claims 1, 2, and 5 have been rejected as being anticipated by Bijker et al.

(5,404,589) under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Please see the discussion below.

In item 6 on page 3 of the Office action, claims 3 and 4 have been objected to, however, the examiner indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim.

The indication of allowability is appreciated. The limitations of claim 3 have been placed into claim 1.

Claim 5 has been amended include method steps that would be performed by the structural features in claim 3 and is therefore believed to be patentable. Support for the changes to claim 5 can be found by referring to claim 3 and more specifically by referring to Fig. 3 and the description at page 12, lines 1-15.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claims 1 or 5. Claims 1 and 5 are, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art and since all of the dependent claims are ultimately dependent on claim 1, they are believed to be patentable as well.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-2 and 4-5 are solicited.

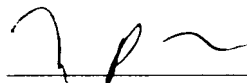
In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, he is respectfully requested to telephone counsel so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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